

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

List all properties that the City current owns or operates or previously owned or operated within one-half mile of the shoreline of Ley Creek or one of its tributaries and all other properties that may directly or indirectly impact or may have impacted Ley Creek. For each property, provide the following information:

Answer: Per our City Engineer, a summary of the properties is below:

369-79 Sixth North Street – SCSD School Bus Garage

219-21 Stedman Street – 40'x125' vacant land

- a. State the address and identify the dates of the City's ownership and/or operation and provide copies of all documents concerning this interest (e.g. deeds, leases, foreclosure records).

Answer: Indenture by and between the Crouse-Hinds Company as owner and the City of Syracuse as licensee dated November 4, 1960. Also see attached Indenture with legal description. Indenture for a revocable Right of Way dated August 12, 1968.

- b. Provide a detailed description of the operations, processes, and business activities the City conducted at each property. If the operations changed over time, indicate the nature of the changes and the dates the changes took place.

Answer: Upon information and belief the City operated a municipal landfill on the South site from approximately 1960 until 1965, for disposal of household trash and garbage collected from City of Syracuse residents. On August 12, 1968, the City entered into a two –year revocable license with the property owner, Crouse-Hinds Company which permitted the City a Right of Way to enter the property described in the attached Indenture in order to operate a sanitary landfill thereon.

- c. If the City leased any portion of a property to another entity, please identify the entity, the nature of its operations, and provide copies of any leases.

Answer: Upon information and belief, the City is not in possession of the any information or documents responsive to this request.

- d. Provide copies of any maps, property plans, or floor plans for each property. The floor plan should depict all drainage sumps, above-ground and below-ground discharge piping, and above-ground and underground storage tanks.

Answer: Please see the attached information regarding the Syracuse City School District (SCSD) Bus Garage.

- e. Provide any historic photographs including aerial photographs and photographs showing construction, industrial or commercial processes, outfalls, and indoor and outdoor storage of materials or products at each property.

Answer: Upon information and belief, the City is not in possession of the any documents responsive to this request.

- f. Provide copies of all reports, information, or data you have related to the geology, soil, water (ground, surface, and storm water), and air quality at each property.

Answer: Upon information and belief, the City is not in possession of the any documents responsive to this request.

- g. Describe any grading, fill, excavation, and dredging activities performed by the City or by another entity with the City's approval at each property.

Answer: Upon information and belief, the City is not in possession of any information or documents responsive to this request at this time.

- h. If applicable, describe the closure of any facility located at each property.

Your answer should include, but not be limited to, when the closure of the facility occurred, how waste material was disposed, and whether any waste material was left onsite.

Answer: Upon information and belief, the City operated a municipal sanitary landfill on the South site from approximately 1960 until 1965, for disposal of household trash and garbage collected from City of Syracuse residents. Upon further information and belief, the City may have also maintained and operated a sanitary landfill for some duration between august 1968 and 1973 on the parcel owned by Plaza East as described in the attached unsigned and undated Application to the Town of Salina for a Special Permit. The basis for this belief is the undated unsigned Permit Application and the 1968 Indenture referencing the Application. At this time the city is unable to locate any further regarding the operation of a landfill on either referenced parcel. During our search for existing documents responsive to the EPA Request, we obtained unconfirmed reports of periodic dumping of construction materials and wooden pallets on one or both of the above referenced parcels in the 1990's. This information is anecdotal and has not yet been confirmed as to specific location, timeframe or frequency. The City will continue to investigate the

2. List all hazardous substances and industrial wastes that are or were used, stored, generated, handled, or received on each property identified in your response to question 1. Be as specific as possible in identifying each chemical or waste stream, and provide, among other things, the chemical name, brand name, chemical content, and the process in which it was used at each property. State the period when each hazardous substance and industrial waste was used, stored, generated, handled, or received at each property, and provide the volume or weight of each hazardous substance and industrial waste that was used. Provide copies of any supporting documentation, including but not limited to invoices, manifests, hazardous substances, hazardous and industrial waste data and analyses or characterizations, contracts, and agreements with transporting, treatment, storage, or disposal facilities.

Please also provide the following, as applicable:

- a. Describe how and where each hazardous substance or industrial waste was stored at each such property (e.g. underground storage tanks, above-ground storage tanks, landfills, lagoons, etc.). Provide a map indicating the location where these substances were stored;

Answer: Upon information and belief, the City is not in possession of any information responsive to this request.

- b. For each property where landfilling operations occurred, identify the generators of the hazardous substances or industrial wastes and the procedures for transportation of the hazardous substances or industrial wastes to and from the property. Describe how hazardous substances and industrial wastes were handled or treated at each property. Provide the names and addresses of all transporters used for each type of hazardous substance or industrial waste. State when each transporter was used and identify the total volume or weight of material that was transported or disposed of by that entity; and

Answer: Upon information and belief, the City does have information or documentation to adequately respond to this request.

- c. For each property that generated hazardous substances or industrial waste, describe the method by which these substances were disposed, including where they were disposed and how, and by whom, they were transported.

Answer: Upon information and belief other than the municipal waste collected and delivered to the site by City Sanitation Trucks and City employees, the City does have information or documentation to adequately respond to this request.

3. State whether any hazardous substances or industrial wastes were ever released, either intentionally or unintentionally, from each property identified in your response to question 1. Your answer should address, but not be limited to, instances in which any volume of hazardous substances or industrial wastes were spilled, leaked, or caught fire from drums, tanks, or any other containers. For each release identified in your response to this question:

Answer: Upon information and belief, the City has no information responsive to this request other than set forth in the attached response from the SCSD to this numbered inquiry.

- a. Identify when and how each release event occurred;

Answer: See above response.

- b. Identify the composition of each of the materials released, including the chemical content, characteristics, and form (solid, liquid, sludge, or gas) and the quantity of each material released;

Answer: See the attached SCSD report.

- c. Describe the method of release (spill, fire, leak, discharge, etc.) and how the material was containerized (if at all) at the time of release. Describe what response actions, if any, were taken to address these releases;

Answer: See the attached SCSD report.

- d. Identify the locations at the respective property where each release/disposal occurred. Please enclose a map indicating the release/disposal location;

Answer: See the attached SCSD report.

- e. If hazardous substances were disposed into drains or drainage areas at any property, describe the nature and the approximate quantity of those wastes disposed each month, and the location to which those wastes drained;

Answer: See the attached SCSD report.

- f. If any of the substances released into the environment from the City's properties were treated prior to release, describe the treatment process, the years during which treatment occurred, the quantities of substances treated, the chemical composition of discharged treated substances, and whether discharges were continuous or intermittent; and

Answer: See the attached SCSD report.

- g. If the City or one of the City's contractors, lessees, tenants, or agents ever contacted, provided notice to, or made a report to EPA, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Onondaga County, or any other government entity concerning an incident, accident, spill, release, or other event resulting in a release of a hazardous substance or industrial waste, describe such contact, notice, or report and provide copies of all communications between the City and that government entity.

Answer: See the attached SCSD report.

- 4. Describe any environmental response actions (e.g. soil excavation, groundwater treatment, etc.) performed at any of the properties identified in your response to question 1 and provide copies of any documents concerning the response action. Identify the location, dates, and the results of all analyses, tests, or monitoring performed for or in connection with each response action.

Answer: See the attached SCSD report.

- 5. Identify all individuals who currently have or had responsibility for the environmental matters (e.g. responsibility for the disposal, treatment, storage, recycling, or sale of hazardous substances or industrial wastes) at the properties identified in your response to question 1. Provide each individual's job title, duties, and the dates he or she performed those duties, supervisors for those duties, their current position, and the nature of the

information possessed by such individuals concerning the City's waste management practices.

Answer: Upon information and belief, the responsibilities for the environmental matters (e.g. responsibility for the disposal, treatment, storage, recycling, or sale of hazardous substances or industrial wastes) at the properties identified in our response to question (1) would be the Commissioner of Public works and his or her designee however, upon information and belief those individuals who may have had those responsibilities during the relevant timeframe for those activities are deceased or no longer employed by the City.

6. Provide copies of all local, state, and federal environmental permits applied for and/or issued with respect to any property identified in your response to question 1. Provide copies of all notices of violations or administrative or judicial complaints filed by federal, state, county, or municipal governments and their regulatory agencies as well as copies of all judicial complaints filed by other persons, including corporate entities or public interest groups, related to permit violations.

Answer: Please see the attached unsigned Application to the Town of Salina.

7. Has the City or any affiliate, contractor, or individual associated with the City been a party to any litigation, either as plaintiff or defendant, that involved liability for contamination of or from any of the properties identified in your response to question 1? If yes, identify the litigation, describe the nature of the City's involvement in the litigation, and provide a copy of the pleadings and any final order.

Answer: Upon information and belief, the City of Syracuse has not been a party to any litigation that involved liability for contamination of or from any of the properties identified in the response to question 1.

8. Has the City or any affiliate, contractor, or individual associated with the City been accused of any criminal violation in connection with the operations at any of the properties identified in your response to question 1? If yes, describe the nature of the proceeding and provide all documentation associated with the proceeding in your possession.

Answer: Upon information and belief, neither the City of Syracuse nor any affiliate, contractor, or individual associated with the City has been accused of any criminal violation in connection with the operations at any of the properties identified in the response to question 1.

9. List all current or prior owners of which you are aware for each property identified in your response to question 1. If known, identify and provide copies of any documents of the following information for each prior owner:

- a. the dates of ownership and operations conducted at such times; and

Answer: Upon information and belief Eaton, Cooper Crouse Hinds is and has been the owner of the South Landfill since the 1940's.

- b. all releases of hazardous substances and industrial waste at each facility during their period of ownership.

Answer: Unknown.

10. Describe all instances when the City used material dredged or excavated from Ley Creek or its floodplains at any of the properties identified in response to question 1, including but not limited any events where such material was used as cover or fill. Identify the location, dates, and volume of material used for each event and provide all associated documentation.

Answer: Answer: Upon information and belief, a search of our records has not resulting in the discovery of any information responsive to this request.

11. Identify and provide all information and documentation concerning any dredging or excavating efforts the City has performed, or required others to perform, in and around the lower two miles of Ley Creek. Describe, among other things, when each dredging/excavation event occurred, the disposal location(s) of the dredged or excavated material, the purpose for which this work was performed, and who performed the work.

Answer: See previous response.

12. Supply any additional information that may be used to identify additional sources of information, releases of hazardous substances or industrial waste, or related parties involved with the See the attached SCSD report.
13. State the name, title, and address of each individual who assisted or was consulted in the preparation of the response to this Request for Information.

Answer: City Engineer, Mary Robison; Commissioner of DPW, John M. O'Connor III; First Deputy Commissioner of DPW, Thomas Simone; Deputy Commissioner of DPW, Martin Davis; Commissioner of Assessment, David Clifford; Commissioner of Water Deborah Sommers; Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, Baye Muhammad; Director of Research, Janet Burke; Commissioner of Finance, David DelVecchio; Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mary Vossler; City Clerk, John Copanas.

14. State whether any documents provided in response to this Request for Information have been claimed or marked confidential.

Answer: N/A.

CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

State of New York

County of Onondaga

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information and all documents submitted in response to EPA's Request for Information, and based on my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information and my reliance upon their responses to my inquiry, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete, and that all documents submitted herewith are complete and authentic unless otherwise indicated. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. I am also aware that I am under a continuing obligation to supplement my response to EPA's Request for Information if any additional information relevant to the matters addressed in EPA's Request for Information or the City's response thereto should become known or available to the City.

Robert P. Stamey
NAME (print or type)

Corporation Counsel
TITLE (print or type)


SIGNATURE

Sworn to before me this 15th day of August 2014

Catherine E. Carnrike
Notary Public

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Commission Expires July 12, 2016